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Agenda item 1
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council

Membership of the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/180 of 20 December 2005 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, concurrently establishing the Peacebuilding Commission,

Recalling also, in particular, paragraphs 12 (b), 13 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), establishing the institutional relationship between the Economic and Social Council and the Peacebuilding Commission,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 63/145 of 18 December 2008, in which the Assembly, inter alia, invited other bodies with members elected to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to adjust the term of office of their respective members so that the term of office of all members of the Organizational Committee could start on 1 January instead of 23 June,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 2006/3 of 8 May 2006 and 2008/38 of 19 December 2008 on the membership of the Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission,

Recognizing the important role to be performed by the Peacebuilding Commission towards recovery, reintegration and reconstruction in countries emerging from conflict, particularly in Africa,

Recalling that due consideration is to be given to countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery in the composition of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission,

1. *Decides* that the distribution of the seven seats allocated to the Economic and Social Council on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission shall be as follows:

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(a) One seat for each of the five regional groups, namely, African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States;

(b) In the election of members of the Economic and Social Council to the Organizational Committee whose term of office shall start on 1 January 2011, the two remaining seats shall be allocated to the regional group of African States;

2. *Also decides* that the established practice of the Economic and Social Council regarding members elected to its subsidiary bodies who are not able to complete their term of office shall apply to members elected to the Organizational Committee by the Council.

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Agenda item 14 (g)
Social and human rights questions: human rights

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its forty-second and forty-third sessions

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-second and forty-third sessions,[1] and the request contained therein for an additional session of the Committee, followed by pre-sessional working groups of one week's duration, in Geneva, in both 2011 and 2012,

Concerned at the persistent backlog of reports of State parties awaiting consideration, and that the existing working methods and meeting arrangements for the Committee no longer permit it to fully discharge its responsibilities under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[2] and Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 in an efficient and timely manner, and recognizing that the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[3] would increase the workload of the Committee,

Taking note of the note submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the evaluation of the use of additional meeting time by the human rights treaty bodies,[4] the increasing workload of the treaty bodies and the increasing number of requests from them for more meeting time,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to improve the efficiency of its working methods, including with a view to further harmonizing its working methods with the other treaty bodies, and in the light of its

[1] E/2010/22.
[2] See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
[3] See General Assembly resolution 63/117, annex.
[4] A/65/317.

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activities in this regard, requests the Chair of the Committee to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in July 2011 on the steps taken by the Committee to improve its efficiency, to allow the Council to make a decision on means to address the Committee's backlog of State party reports, including, if necessary, through the granting of additional time as a temporary measure;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session concrete and tailored proposals on the human rights treaty bodies, including the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, building on the work of the Secretary-General pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 9/8 of 24 September 2008[5] and of the treaty bodies in this regard, to improve their effectiveness and to identify efficiencies in their working methods and resource requirements in order better to manage their workloads, bearing in mind budgetary constraints and taking account of the varying burdens on each treaty body.

[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/63/53/Add.1).

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Coordination, programme and other questions: international cooperation in the field of informatics

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Somduth Soborun (Mauritius), on the basis of informal consultations

The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the field of informatics[1] and the initiatives of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics,

Recognizing the strategic importance of information and communications technology as a critical reform instrument for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations Secretariat,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems for optimal utilization and access by all States, with due regard to all the official languages,[2]

Welcoming the intensification of efforts by the Chief Information Technology Officer and the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Secretariat to improve effective collaboration and information management solutions for the needs of the permanent and observer missions at the United Nations,

1. *Reiterates once again* the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United

[1] E/2010/48.

[2] Resolutions 1991/70 of 26 July 1991, 1992/60 of 31 July 1992, 1993/56 of 29 July 1993, 1994/46 of 29 July 1994, 1995/61 of 28 July 1995, 1996/35 of 25 July 1996, 1997/1 of 18 July 1997, 1998/29 of 29 July 1998, 1999/58 of 30 July 1999, 2000/28 of 28 July 2000, 2001/24 of 26 July 2001, 2002/35 of 26 July 2002, 2003/48 of 24 July 2003, 2004/51 of 23 July 2004, 2005/12 of 22 July 2005, 2006/35 of 27 July 2006, 2007/14 of 26 July 2007, 2008/6 of 22 July 2008 and 2009/9 of 27 July 2009.

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Nations and Observers, as well as non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations, to the computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources, the due fulfilment of the provisions of the Council resolutions on this item, to facilitate the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and to continue the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives, and in that regard requests the Working Group to continue its efforts to act as a bridge between the evolving needs of Member States and the actions of the Secretariat, and also requests the Working Group to consider its future role, status and mandate and develop findings in that regard;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretariat for the continuing cooperation that it is extending to the Working Group in the endeavour to further improve the information technology services available to all permanent and observer missions at the United Nations and, in particular, for the implementation of a Member State web portal[1] so as to consolidate and simplify the secure access by authorized representatives of Member States to relevant information, and for the continued upgrading and stabilizing of e-mail services for delegates, as well as for the continued assistance in the hosting of many mission websites, a cooperative effort of the Secretariat and the diplomatic community coordinated by the Working Group;

4. *Also expresses its appreciation* for the efforts by the Working Group and the Secretariat in providing training and support and raising awareness in the area of United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend full cooperation to the Working Group and to give priority to implementing its recommendations and guidance, particularly with regard to the upgrading of web-based services, including through the replacement of the CandiWeb elections and candidatures site;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2011 on action taken in follow-up to the present resolution, including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate.

[1] www.un.int.